

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims

Please cancel claims 1 through 3. Please amend claim 4. Please add claims 6-16. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) A ~~[[The]]~~ remotely controlled toy vehicle ~~[[of claim 1 further comprising]]~~ including:

at least an on-board power supply,

at least a plurality of wheels supporting the vehicle for itinerant movement,

at least one motor operably coupled to at least one of the wheels to provide at least part of the itinerant movement of the vehicle,

a controller circuit configured to selectively supply power from the power supply to the at least one motor in response to commands from a transmitter remote from the vehicle to move the toy vehicle,

at least one light source, characterized by the controller circuit being configured to selectively supply power to illuminate the at least one light in response to a signal indicating the vehicle is performing a particular maneuver,

a hinged, three part chassis having a first longitudinal end and a second, opposing longitudinal end and including a central chassis portion having opposing first and second lateral sides,

a first lateral chassis portion pivotally coupled with the central chassis portion on the first lateral side of the central chassis portion, and

a second lateral chassis portion pivotally coupled to the central chassis portion on a second lateral side of the central chassis portion,

wherein the first and second lateral chassis portions are coupled so as to pivot with respect to the central chassis portion in a common plane, and

wherein the signal is generated by a switch adapted to detect a position of at least one of the lateral chassis portions relative to the central chassis portion.

5. (Original) The remotely controlled toy vehicle of claim 4 further comprising:

a pair of links, each link being pivotally coupled to the central chassis portion and to a separate one of the first and second lateral chassis portions at the first longitudinal end of the vehicle so as to permit the first longitudinal end of each lateral chassis portion to pivot away from and towards the central chassis portion, and

a separate light source in each link.

6. (New) A remotely controlled toy vehicle including:

at least an on-board power supply,

at least a plurality of wheels supporting the vehicle for itinerant movement,

at least one motor operably coupled to at least one of the wheels to provide at least part of the itinerant movement of the vehicle, and

a controller circuit configured to selectively supply power from the power supply to the at least one motor and to at least one light source, characterized by the controller circuit being configured to selectively supply power to illuminate the at least one light source in response to a signal indicating a particular state of the vehicle different from an initial, start-up state of the vehicle,

wherein power is selectively supplied to the at least one light source in accordance with a lighting sequence comprising a plurality of consecutive time period blocks,

wherein each time period block comprises a mode of illumination of the light source,

wherein the consecutive time period blocks contain different modes of illuminations, and

wherein the modes of illumination of the consecutive time period blocks differ from one another in illumination intensity, illumination frequency or both to provide a changing sequence of illumination of the at least one light source.

7. (New) The remotely controlled toy vehicle of claim 6 wherein the consecutive time period blocks of the lighting sequence are all of a uniform, predetermined length of time.

8. (New) The remotely controlled toy vehicle of claim 6 wherein the different modes of illumination occur in a predetermined order after initiation of the lighting sequence.

9. (New) The remotely controlled toy vehicle of claim 8 wherein the different modes of illumination are initiated in response to a physical transformation of the toy vehicle to the particular state of the toy vehicle initiating the lighting sequence.

10. (New) The remotely controlled toy vehicle of claim 9 further comprising a switch coupled with the controller circuit and changing state from an initial state of the switch in response to movement of a component of the toy vehicle during transformation to generate the signal initiating the lighting sequence.

11. (New) The remotely controlled toy vehicle of claim 9 wherein the modes of illumination cease when the component of the toy vehicle returns to an initial position and the switch changes back to the initial state of the switch.

12. (New) The remotely controlled toy vehicle of claim 8 wherein the different modes of illumination are initiated automatically in response to a particular movement of the toy vehicle.

13. (New) The remotely controlled toy vehicle of claim 11, wherein the particular state is a particular movement of the toy vehicle under power of the at least one motor and further comprising a switch coupled with the controller circuit and changing state from an initial

state of the switch in response to the movement of the toy vehicle to generate the signal initiating the lighting sequence.

14. (New) The remotely controlled toy vehicle of claim 13 wherein the modes of illumination cease when the toy vehicle ceases the particular movement and the switch changes back to the initial state.

15. (New) The remotely controlled toy vehicle of claim 8 wherein there are at least three consecutive modes of illumination that differ from one another and that are repeated sequentially until terminated by a change from the particular state of the vehicle.

16. (New) The remotely controlled toy vehicle of claim 8 wherein at least three of the modes of illumination of the lighting sequence immediately follow one another without breaks therebetween.